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Statement of Rep. Toni Boucher on Reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)



Because of congestion, density and high construction costs, Connecticut has greater transportation needs than many other states, especially for mass transit improvements. We cannot meet these requirements without greater help from the federal government.

Connecticut contains some of the most densely populated areas and the most heavily traveled roads in the nation, resulting in dangerous and congested conditions for travelers and truckers. As a region, we suffer from inadequate infrastructure to evacuate people in the event of a disaster or terrorist attack.

We urgently need more multi-state attention to moving cargo by trains and barges, rather than relying on already clogged roads.